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**WASHINGTON, DC** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement after introducing House Resolution 549, a resolution in support of the Iranian dissidents:

"We are witnessing a Tiananmen in Tehran and the United States must stand in the gap. While the President may be 'troubled by the violence,' he has yet to express the unqualified support of the American people for those who are courageously risking their lives for free elections and democracy in Iran. If the President of the United States will not express our nation's solidarity with the dissidents in the streets of Tehran, then Congress must.

"The resolution I introduced today will do just that. It expresses our concern with the reported irregularities of the election, our condemnation of the violence against peaceful citizens, our affirmation of the universality of human rights and the importance of free elections in a democratic society. Most importantly, the resolution expresses the support of the American people for all Iranian citizens who struggle for freedom, civil liberties and protection of the rule of law.

"The American cause is freedom and in this cause the American people will not be silent. The resolution I offer today will give voice to countless Americans who stand with the people of Iran. I urge members of both parties to support this resolution and call the Congress to give it immediate consideration."

The resolution is available HERE.